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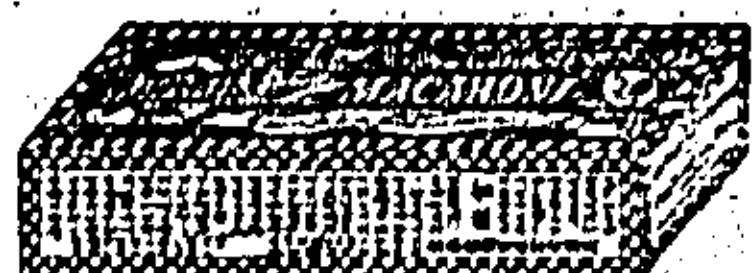
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COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company was held yesterday in the offices of the agents, Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar presiding. The others present were Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell (Directors), Mr. H. J. Geddes (Solicitor to the Company), Messrs. C. H. P. Hay, C. G. U. Tinson, C. Osmond, Young Sing, L. E. Ozorio, O. Baptista, To Tso Hing, Leung Yan Po, Leung Wing Sang (shareholders), and F. Graham (Manager).

The CHAIRMAN said:—At the extraordinary general meeting on the 28th January, extraordinary resolutions were passed increasing the capital of the Company to \$8,000,000 by the creation of 210,000 shares of \$10 each, and adopting New Articles of Association. It is necessary that these should be confirmed, and I have, therefore, to propose that the following extraordinary resolution, which was passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1920, be confirmed as a special resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) by the creation of the two hundred and forty thousand (240,000) shares of ten dollars (\$10) each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company."

Sir PAUL CHATER seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN:—I propose that the following extraordinary resolution, which was passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1920, be confirmed as a special resolution:—

"That the New Articles already approved by this meeting and for the purpose of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

Seconded by the Hon. Mr. S. H. DODWELL. Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN:—Under the old Articles the Company had not power to capitalize the reserve, but having adopted the New Articles, we can now deal with it. At the meeting held on 28th January, when referring to the increase in capital, I told you that many of our additions to plant and mains of recent years had been paid for out of revenue, and sums placed to reserve. The reserve which stands at \$800,000 is, therefore, undistributed profits spread over several years, and is part of our working capital. Your Directors are of opinion that this should now be capitalized, and distributed among shareholders in the form of bonus shares. Should you adopt the resolution shareholders on the register to-day will receive one bonus share for every share they hold. I, therefore, propose the following extraordinary resolution:—

"That it is desirable to capitalize the sum of \$800,000 standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalization a bonus of \$10 per share on each of the issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared and that the Board be and they are hereby authorized to satisfy such bonus by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the issued \$10 shares of the Company on the date hereof, of one of the unused \$10 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up, in respect of each share of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such aforesaid bonus, and that such shares rank for dividends and in all other respects as from the first day of March, 1920."

Mr. C. H. P. HAY seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting terminated.

VARIATIONS IN THE ARTICLES.

The principal variations in the Articles are as follows:—

- 1.—They give the directors power to issue new shares on such conditions as they may determine provided that special conditions are not given by the Company in general meeting.
- 2.—They give the Company power to pay a commission not exceeding 10 per cent. to any person in consideration of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe (whether absolutely or conditionally) for any shares in the Company, or procuring or agreeing to procure (whether absolutely or conditionally) subscriptions for any shares in the Company.
- 3.—Should the capital of the Company at any time be divided into different classes of shares, power is given for all or any of the rights and privileges devoted to each class to be altered and/or modified provided that the holders of such shares agree to such modification either by agreement in writing signed by the holders of at least three quarters of the issued shares of that class, or confirm such alteration and/or modification by an extraordinary resolution passed by members of that class.

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THE SHANTUNG ISSUE. WILL CHINA NEGOTIATE?

The following items are furnished by the Asiatic News Agency.

PEKING, February 7th.

There is no development in the Shantung issue, because the final policy of the Chinese Government is still undecided. But there is no lack of indication that the Chinese Government, by force of circumstance, is going to accept Japan's proposal for direct negotiation in the not distant future. Mr. Lu, whose sick leave has expired, has again sent in his letter of resignation to the President and the Premier asking to be permitted to retire into private life on account of his weak health, but both H.E. Hsu Shih-chang and General Chin are doing their best to persuade him to withdraw his resignation.

It is understood that informally and unofficially, certain high Chinese officials are mediating in the Kaichow affair between the Chinese and the Japanese Governments in the hope of securing reliable assurances or guarantees, about Japan's concessions to China and there is reason to believe that Japan will agree to make known her intentions regarding "concessions" informally previous to the opening of the direct negotiations. In a circular telegram to the provinces, the Cabinet says that the Government is still ascertaining the views and opinions of the various classes and factions with regard to Kaichow so that there is no necessity for the students and others to create disturbances on the pretext of the Shantung issue. The provincial officials have been ordered to arrest and punish any person or persons who create political unrest or turmoil by utilizing the Shantung question as a lever for obtaining their political ends. It is persistently reported among the Chinese that the proposed direct negotiations will not be opened between Japan and China until the Government authorities have suppressed the students' movements in the provinces. The students' organization is regarded as the strongest union opposing direct dealing between the two countries.

SHANGHAI, February 7th.

With regard to the present firm attitude of the Peking Government towards the student movements in the various provinces, the *Taichungpao* prints a special telegram from Peking to the effect that after many days' discussion of the pros and cons of the proposed direct negotiation between Japan and China concerning the settlement of the Shantung issue, the Central Government has finally accepted the suggestions of Marshal Tuan Chi-jui, General Hsu Shu-chun and other leaders of the Peiyang Party to open negotiations with Japan directly, because it is alleged that it will be more advantageous to China to do so than to refer the question, whose legality has been recognized by the Versailles Treaty, to the League of Nations for justice. As the students and their sympathizers are the strongest opponents of any direct dealing with Japan for the settlement of the Shantung issue, it is necessary to first adopt drastic measures towards the Young China party, which is also the backbone of the agitation against "low grade" goods in the hope of suppressing popular sentiments by force of arms.

- 4.—The limit of the borrowing powers of the directors to an amount not exceeding the nominal capital of the Company for the time being, imposed by the old Articles, is abolished.
- 5.—The voting power of shareholders at a poll is altered by giving to each shareholder one vote in respect of each share held by him.
- 6.—Power is given to the Directors, if any Director goes abroad, to appoint a substitute for such Director during his absence provided such substitute holds the requisite number of shares to qualify him as a Director.
- 7.—The remuneration of the Directors is fixed at \$10,000 per annum, and such further sum (if any) as the Company in general meeting may determine, and is to be divided amongst the Directors in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine.
- 8.—Power to capitalize the Reserve Fund and to distribute the same or any part of it in fully-paid shares.
- 9.—Power to pay dividends by a distribution of any specific asset of the Company.
- 10.—Power to use dividends in payment of any outstanding call.
- 11.—Power to forfeit any dividends or bonus not claimed within two years if the same having been declared, and to use any dividends or bonus unclaimed for one year for the purpose of the Company until claimed.
- 12.—Power for a Corporation being a shareholder to appoint one of its officers or servants to be its proxy at a general meeting although the proxy is not a shareholder of the Company.
- 13.—If a person other than the retiring auditor is proposed for election as auditor, fourteen days notice of such nomination is to be given to the Company.

There are also other minor changes in the Articles and the New Articles are intended to bring the Articles of Association of the Company up to date.

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

It is no exaggeration, I believe, to say that the annual Race Meeting in Hongkong has never been marred before by weather conditions to the extent that the meeting suffered last week. Opening bleak and cold, it finished in a deluge. The absence of the old row of matcheds for so many years a familiar feature of the meeting, was responsible, no doubt, to a greater extent than any other cause for the comparatively meagre attendance of Chinese. The matcheds did afford some shelter from driving rain or scorching sun—both are possible in the month of February in Hongkong—and the new ferro-concrete stands are neither sufficiently commodious nor numerous enough to accommodate a tenth of the people who would wish to use them in any state of the weather. People could not be expected to stand for long on the wet grass, exposed to cold winds and rain. Consequently it goes without saying that the Tramway Company has never had such poor returns for a Race Week since the inauguration of the service as it had last week.

What a disappointment it must have been to the ladies, too, to have such weather in Race Week! All those glorious frocks that the tailors had been so busy upon, as usual, weeks before the event, had to remain on their hangers in the wardrobes, for another occasion—not the next Race Meeting: oh, dear, no. They will be horribly out of date by that time. Perhaps the early Gymkhana meetings will afford opportunities for a brave display.

But not everybody was made miserable by the weather. Many came away richer than they went, even if a far greater number came away much the poorer in pocket. The cash sweeps appear to have been as large as usual, and stories about "lucky winners" will serve to brighten local gossip for some time to come. There is, for instance, the story of a member of a little syndicate interested in more than one through ticket, who went to the Races on the first and second days with a little Mascot in his pocket, and saw with joy his numbers turn up two or three times each day. On the third day he forgot to wear his Mascot, and his luck was out completely. He took good care not to forget the Mascot on the "off day," and his luck smilingly returned! If the man who went down to the course after three o'clock on Saturday afternoon and picked up two firsts and a third in the sweeps carried a Mascot also—well, all I can say is that I shall provide myself with a Mascot the next time I go to the Races!

Cynics must have smiled and the religious folk must have been shocked as they passed through the Cathedral compound on Sunday morning. Looking across the open porch of the Church they saw beyond it a gang of coolies preparing the site for the new Church Hall, what time, perhaps, the chaplain was reciting, inside the church, the commandment to work six days of the week and to rest on the seventh. One could not help being struck by the contrast between Church and State in this little matter. Whenever the Government advertises for tenders for building we always see the line: "No work will be permitted on Sundays."

Major L. G. Bird's appointment as Administrative Commandant of the new Volunteer Force must have been regarded by most people as a foregone conclusion when they saw it provided in the Ordinance that the Commandant was to be selected by a vote of the members of the Corps. Before the war, Mr. Bird was recognised as one of the keenest officers in the local Volunteer Corps, and nobody—certainly no Volunteer—could have been greatly surprised when the news came of his rapid promotion after he had joined the Army for service at the front. The announcement of his selection as Commandant should prove an inducement to many who have so far delayed their applications for admission to the Corps. It is, perhaps, too much to expect that the Volunteer Corps will be equal in strength to the recently demobilised Defence Corps, which may be said to have been a partly conscripted force, though reckoning the number of young men who have come to the Colony since the war ended, we ought to be able to count upon the formation of a Volunteer Corps which will compare not very unfavourably with the old Defence Corps. I gather, however, that applications for admission have not been coming in so far to an extent which justifies that expectation: but let us hope that this may be accounted for by the distractions of the Race Week, and that this week will see the number greatly increased.

ROBERTSON RANDOM.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE ADMISSION OF LADY MEMBERS.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club was held yesterday evening in the Jockey Club's offices, Mr. G. C. Moxon presiding. The others present were—Messrs. H. Humphreys, T. F. Hough, M. S. Sassoon, L. Cassel, L. N. Lee, M. R. de Journal, C. H. P. Hay, P. M. Hodgson, O. L. Sandes, G. W. Gegg, F. H. Thomas, J. P. Jones, S. E. Grimstone, F. Sutton, D. E. Clark, J. Dick, Bell Irving, and H. B. L. Dowbiggin (Hon. Secretary).

Mr. Moxon read the report of the Committee as follows:—The Club held 5 ordinary Gymkhana Race meetings during the season excellent sport being shown—and the appreciation of the same by the general public is apparent by the larger receipts from commissions in Cash Sweeps and Pari-mutuels. A very successful extra Gymkhana was held on 29th November, St. Andrew's Meeting, in aid of the Hongkong Fund for Devastated Villages of France, the net proceeds of which amounted to \$7,737. The thanks of the Committee are due to all those who in any way assisted therein. In addition to this amount, the committee during the season made grants of

\$300—to Hongkong Polo Club to enable that Club to repair their ground and re-start Polo which had lapsed during the War. Opportunities for riding are so limited in Hongkong that it is to the interest of racing to assist in any way to help forward young riders.

\$100—to Victoria British School in aid of their sports fund. As a consideration for the use of their ground for the turning out of ponies for grazing.

\$1,100—was also voted to establish a grazing ground and paddock for race ponies out in the New Territory. This ground was availed of by over 20 ponies in the short time it was opened and we hope that when we have more experience of the conditions prevailing it will prove a boon to owners.

\$600—to the Jockey Club for provision of the Gymkhana Club Cup at the Annual Race Meeting. The thanks of the Gymkhana Club are due to the Jockey Club for the use of the Course and Stands during the Summer.

The above proves the usefulness of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club in the Colony in addition to being a nursery for new jockeys and enabling members and the public to enjoy good sport during the summer. We have no doubt the members will confirm the Committee's action in making the above grants.

There remains a balance in hand of \$3,821.65, showing the Club's healthy state and progress. You will be asked later to vote \$3,000 of this to the Hongkong Jockey Club carrying forward \$821.65 towards the working of the forthcoming season. His Excellency the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., and His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Duff have honoured the Club by becoming patrons.

Mr. Moxon added that he would also like to thank Mr. Ross for the excellent work he had put in in connection with the meadow in New Territories, and for his successful handicapping.

Then CHAIRMAN then announced that the Hon. Mr. Johnstone wished him to propose, on his (Mr. Johnstone's) behalf a rule allowing widows, who have not re-married, of past members, of the Gymkhana Club, and wives and unmarried daughters and sisters of present members to become members of the Club. This, however, was not possible, added the Chairman, because of Rule 3 of the Gymkhana Club Rules, which read as follows:—

"No person shall be a member of the Club unless he is a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club. This rule shall not apply to officers in the Army or Navy."

If they allowed ladies to become members of the Club, said the Chairman, they would only be following the lines of the action at Home and at Shanghai, where they were now permitting ladies to join. To get over the difficulty, he would propose:—

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SPORT.

YACHTING.

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB FINAL RACES.

The final races for the Championships in the Handicap and One Design, Heyward Hays, and Gael Classes were sailed on Sunday. In the Handicap and One Design Class the points are:—Rolla, 33; Daphne, 33; Ailsa, 30; Bonito, 20.

A final race has therefore to be sailed between Rolla and Daphne.

In the Heyward Hays Class, the Championship goes to Ursula with 32 points. Sirius having 27 and Dawn 16.

The Championship in the Gael Class goes to Joan with 23 points, Gael having 14, Toinette 12, and Theda 3.

The Cruisers have still to sail their final race. This should have been decided on February 8th, but not one of the boats finished within the time limit.

BASKET BALL.

OPEN LEAGUE TO BE FORMED.

The Committee of the Hongkong Basket Ball League at their meeting yesterday at the University decided to form an Open League. Any institution or Basket Ball Club in the Colony may enter. Entries close on Wednesday, February 23rd, and play will commence on March 1st. The matches will be played in the evenings at the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium. Application for entrance to the League should be forwarded with the fee of \$5 to Mr. J. L. McPherson, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

HOCKEY.

THE CLUB v. 2ND PUNJABIS.

The following will represent the Club against 2nd Punjabis at U.S.R.C. to-morrow (Wednesday), at 3 p.m.:—J. P. Jones, W. W. Mackenzie, C. C. Hickling, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, G. R. Piercy, R. A. Brand, E. L. Sim, W. H. Edmonds, J. V. Braga, and B. D. Evans (captain).

GOLF.

LADIES' BOGEY COMPETITION.

A Bogey competition for ladies will be played over the big course at Fanling on Thursday, for a cup kindly presented by Mrs. John W. Taylor. Ladies to choose their own opponents. Three quarters of handicap.

DEIR-EZ-ZOR RAID.

It is officially announced that the Emir Feisal has written to Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson formally repudiating, in his own name and on behalf of the Arab Government in Damascus, any knowledge of, or complicity in, the attack made by Ramadan ibn Shalah and Ibrahim Pasha Milli upon Deir-ez-Zor. The Emir has also given orders that the offenders, if arrested, are to be placed at the disposal of the British authorities, and his issued a communiqué to the Arab Press denouncing those responsible for the outrage at Deir-ez-Zor. The whole affair is attributed to a Turkish intrigue directed by Aismail Sadun, having for its object the embroilment of Anglo-Arabian relations. A correspondent recently in Arabia states that Ramadan ibn Shalah, who is at the head of the armed forces which captured Deir-ez-Zor, is the son of a local sheikh of the Delem tribe. He served in the Ottoman Army and posed as a deserter from Medina at the beginning of 1917 in order to enter the Hedjaz Army as a Turkish secret service agent. He imposed upon the Arabs, who had given him a commission, for some months, but he was ultimately detected, tried, and sentenced to death. He was, however, reprieved, and, owing to Court influence at Mecca, taken into favour and even promoted A.D.C. to King Hussein.

Mr. Dowbiggin proposed that Messrs. Linstead & Davies be appointed Treasurers of the Club at a fee not exceeding \$300 annually. They had agreed to perform the duties, no matter how many gymkhana were held. Mr. Sandes seconded this proposal which was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN said he would like to record from the chair the thanks of the Club to Mr. Dowbiggin for the excellent service he had rendered to the Club last year. The past year had been an exceedingly strenuous one and Mr. Dowbiggin had proved a splendid Secretary.

When the election of the Committee was about to take place, Mr. Moxon said he would be away from May to September, Mr. Sandes said he would be away in May, Mr. de Journal said he was leaving in September. Mr. Dowbiggin said he hoped to leave the Colony soon, but he was persuaded to carry on with the duties of Hon. Secretary until he leaves.

The new Committee was elected as follows—Mr. Dowbiggin having expressed the desirability of having as few owners as possible as members of the Committee—The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone, Messrs. D. M. Ross, J. Dick, D. E. Clarke, L. N. Lee, and J. E. Pearce.

The meeting decided that the next Gymkhana shall be held on March 20th. There being no further business, the meeting terminated.

"A TIMOTHY RICHARD MEMORIAL."

AN APPEAL BY THE CHRISTIAN LITERATURE SOCIETY.

The late Dr. Timothy Richard devoted a long life to the highest interests of China. The Christian Literature Society desires to commemorate his services by a fitting memorial, such as they feel he himself would approve. It has been decided to raise a fund which will put the finances of the Society in good shape. Owing to the lean years of the Great War and the bad exchange, the Society finds it is hampered at a time when all lovers of China wish to see its beneficent operations enlarged and extended. China needs light, and the Society's history shows that it is capable of helping China when it most needs help.

Owing to lack of funds during the years of the war the Society finds many of its best books sold out while it has no funds to reprint them. Besides, it is proposed to issue a new Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge in the same style as the Society's well-known Bible Dictionary. This will be coupled with the name of Dr. Richard. Hitherto the Society has depended on funds from home, and has never made any special appeal in China. Obviously the friends at home and the new burdens imposed by the War. The present is, therefore, deemed a fitting time to launch a campaign in China, with a view to secure a substantial memorial fund, which will wipe out the Society's indebtedness, and enable it to prosecute a progressive programme.

The total aimed at is \$30,000. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has given a donation of Tls. 1,500.

Contributions should be sent to Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, LL.D., 143, North Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

SIR HAVILLAND DE SAUSMAREZ'S TRIBUTE.

Sir Havilland de Saussmarez, who was accompanied by Lady de Saussmarez, presided at a meeting held in the Timothy Richard Library, at Shanghai recently and as President of the society gave an interesting review of its work and the need for expansion.

Sir Havilland said the outstanding event of the year in the history of the Christian Literature Society had been the death of its founder, Dr. Timothy Richard. The report was a memorial number and the fact that the usual report of the events of the year disappeared before the society's tribute to his memory of Dr. Richard testified to their sense of the great loss they had sustained. The speaker had been privileged to be associated with Dr. Richard for some years in the direction of the C.L.S., his society, and had thus been able to realize what one man who devoted himself to a cause could accomplish. Dr. Richard had been some criticized as a visionary. Did not all prophets see visions? And were not the visions of true prophets fulfilled in the earnest work of the leaders of the people? The prophet in Timothy Richard had spoken, and it was for the leaders of the Chinese nation to consider and apply his teaching for the good of the people. Moreover, it was the duty of that society to help them. At the last meeting of Directors it was decided to raise by a special appeal to their Chinese and foreign friends a sum of money sufficient to enable them to continue the work which was dear to the heart of Dr. Richard and with which the last years of his life were so closely connected. The best memorial they could raise to his memory would be the establishment of his work on a sure foundation. For that, the base must be broadened, the number of contributors must be increased, and more classes must be represented among them. The subscription list showed few names beyond those of missionaries and of some bodies who helped them from home. This ought not to be. The time had surely come when all those who had a stake in China, whether resident in the country or at home, should lend a helping hand.

People outside were apt to think that their aim was to publish what might be called mission books and nothing else, but the work done was of much wider scope. In addition to religious works, they published also translations of books, showing the influence of Christian thought and the undertakings of Christian nations throughout the world.

Sir Havilland proceeded to make interesting reference to a letter received from Lord Cromer, whom he and Dr. Richard approached for advice about the time of the revolution. "The subject interests me greatly," Lord Cromer replied, "and I will do my best to advise; but before writing more fully, I should like to think over the matter, which is one of importance, and perhaps consult others." Lord Cromer was as good as his word. He considered the subject of sufficient importance to warrant his consulting Lord Morley, Sir Alfred Lyall, and Sir William Anson. In the course of a letter, Sir Alfred Lyall very wisely, as future events showed, observed: "I make out that they both desire to convince the Chinese that politics must have religious, or at any rate an ethical, foundation; and to prevent them from ruining their country by crude nationalistic ideas of progress and reform." He did not think anything could more aptly express the need of the help which the society could give at the time of difficulty then dawning on the Chinese nation. In conclusion, Sir Havilland referred to the recent conference of the British Chambers of Commerce which he said passed resolutions showing a broad and statesmanlike recognition of China and her needs. He ventured to suggest that the members of that conference must on due consideration feel that the work of that society could not but help to secure that better understanding on which a more sympathetic intercourse between Chinese and ourselves was to be based. He therefore ventured to appeal to them to help the society. He would remind them that the society had been of material assistance in starting the Language School, of which Dr. Ross was Principal. Though the Chamber was immediately concerned with the importance of trade, he felt they would acknowledge their debt to the society for the help which it gave them and for the much greater potential help to be gained through an understanding of its principles and its literature by the Chinese. He therefore asked them to assist in raising the appreciable but by no means enormous sum which they wished to obtain as a memorial to their late chief and as a means of perpetuating his work.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. A. D. BARRETT, as a Partner in our Firm. J. M. DA ROCHA & CO. Hongkong, 17th February, 1920. [431]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1919, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, and 21st, 1920. Hongkong, February 16th, 1920. [433]

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

NOTICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THIS DEPARTMENT will be entirely CLOSED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1920. It will be Open for all purposes till Noon, on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1920. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

C. W. BECKWITH,

Superintendent, Imports and Exports. Hongkong, February 16th, 1920. [434]

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above named Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 22nd day of FEBRUARY, 1920, to SATURDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1920, both days inclusive. Dated the 16th day of February, 1920. By Order of the Board, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. [436]

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5 PER CENT.

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REDEEMABLE at FRS. 100, in 100 years by half yearly drawings. Interest payable on the 1st of May and 1st of November. Drawings to take place on the 16th of March and the 16th of September of each year. 1st drawing on the 16th of September, 1920. 1st coupon of FRS. 3.60 to be paid on the 1st of November 1920. Subscriptions will be received up to the 10th of March next by the BANQUE DE L'INDO CHINE, L. BERINDOAGUE, Manager. Hongkong, February 16th, 1920. [437]

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5 PER CENT.

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UNDER THE GUARANTEE OF THE

FRENCH REPUBLIC.

THE Local Branch of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE will receive subscriptions for the New French Loan 5 per cent. 1920, from the 16th February to the 10th of March next. The Loan is free of income tax and redeemable in 60 Years at 16 per cent. by half yearly drawings, the interest coupons being payable on 1st May and 1st November of each year. Fully paid subscriptions at par. Partly paid subscriptions at 101 per cent. purporting.

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Fr. 25.—on the 1st of April.
Fr. 25.—on the 16th of July.
Fr. 25.—on the 1st of August 1920.
M. ROUET DE JOURNEL, Manager. Hongkong, February 16th, 1920. [438]

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "MATOPPO" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Hots Wharf, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after February 23rd, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before March 2nd, 1920, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon, within the free storage period. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANQUE LINE LIMITED, General Agents. Hongkong, February 16th, 1920. [420]

INTIMATIONS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1919. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from February 17th, to February 21st, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, February 2nd, 1920. [347]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, February 16th, to SATURDAY, February 27th, 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. By Order of the Court of Directors, N. J. STARR, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 10th, 1920. [398]

WANTED.

ENGLISH NURSE or NURSERY GOVERNESS for Girl of 8, for Singapore. Apply stating age and experience to—Box 409, Care of "Daily Press" Office. 409.

G. R.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at Headquarters Offices, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 12 o'clock Noon on the dates stated, for the undermentioned services for a period of twelve months from April 1st, 1920: Forage and Indian Supplies, February 26th, 1920. Meat and General Supplies "A", February 27th, 1920. General Supplies "B", March 1st, 1920. Barrack services, March 2nd, 1920. Transport Services, March 4th, 1920. Hospital Supplies, March 5th, 1920. Fuel and Washing, March 8th, 1920. Tender Forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above Office between the hours of 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. daily. Tenders will not be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith. The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved. Hongkong, February 14th, 1920. [418]

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of FEBRUARY, 1920, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at "Haukwan Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), TO-DAY (TUESDAY), February 17th, 1920, at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, TEAKWOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS, CARPETS, &c., &c., Comprising:—

Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs (new), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture comprising, Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, and Chairs, Washstands, &c. (famed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner Waggons, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, &c., Dinner Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c., Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of Blackwood Furniture, Blackwood Fire Screens, Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, &c., &c.

Also Two Pianos, One &c., &c. (Full Particulars from Catalogue). Terms—Cash. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

PONIES! PONIES! PONIES! PUBLIC RUMP. The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Rump On WEDNESDAY, February 18th, 1920, at 3 P.M., at the Fountain, opposite the City Hall. A large number of well-known Race Ponies. (Full Particulars from Catalogue). Terms—Cash. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned) On THURSDAY, February 19th, 1920, at 10.30 A.M., at No. 10, Knutsford Terrace, Top Floor, THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE therein contained, Comprising:—

Fumed Teakwood Hallstand and Dining Room Furniture, Morocco Leather-covered Chesterfield Sofa and Arm-chairs, Pictures, Ornaments, and Sewing Machine, complete, New Aluminium Cooking Utensils, Bath Room Utensils, &c., &c., &c.

Also Pot Plants, Electric Fittings, Singer's Sewing Machine, and one Large Hall Clock. (Full Particulars from Catalogue). Terms—Cash. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned) On TUESDAY, February 17th, 1920, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, A Few Pairs of Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Hemstitched and Plain Double Bed Sheets, Battenberg Bedspreads and Table Covers, Crochet and Drawwork Doilies.

Also Two Bellow Valises, Suit Cases, &c., &c. (Full Particulars from Catalogue). Terms—Cash. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

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MARRIAGE.

EWART-PARK—At Shanghai, on February 11th, GEORGE EWART, of Shanghai, to Mrs. FANNY PARK, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Woods, of Canine, Ayrshire, Scotland.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. Mrs. WOODLEY and family tender heartfelt thanks to all friends for the many expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent sad bereavement, and for the beautiful floral tokens sent. [421]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10, DES VAUX ROAD, C. LONDON OFFICE: 151, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 17th, 1920.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

THE donations made to the funds of the International Anti-Opium Society by the President of the Chinese Republic, as well as by the Prime Minister and members of his Cabinet, reported in a cable from our Peking Correspondent yesterday, are doubtless intended as an assurance that the Chinese Government is "sound" on the opium question, notwithstanding the evidence of late of a considerable recrudescence of opium growing in the provinces. There has never been any reason to doubt the sincerity of the Central Government in the matter; the trouble is that its authority is openly disregarded or defied by corrupt provincial officials. The information collected by the International Anti-Opium Society goes to show that the growing of opium has been resumed on a considerable scale in China, not from mere neglect on the part of the local powers-that-be, but as a result, in many instances, of direct encouragement. There is no agricultural occupation in China more profitable than the cultivation of the poppy, and in these times of civil strife when the maintenance of large rabble armies in most of the provinces is disorganising trade and having a depressing effect on the provincial revenues and the incomes of the high provincial officials, the temptation to encourage the growing of opium is very great indeed. We have heard

recently of the Tachun of Hunan province ordering "the magistrates and gentry to induce the farmers to grow opium because thereby they could make much money for themselves and also be able to relieve the crying necessities of the Government in the matter of finance."

A discovery was made a few weeks ago that ten thousand catties of poppy seed had been delivered in Changsha to be distributed for planting in Eastern Hunan. The bags were labelled "Medicine," and were addressed to the General commanding the troops at Liliang, whose political affiliations, it is remarked, are with the Civil Governor of the province. The Military Governor excused his part in the affair by saying that he only allowed the passage of the consignment after he had ascertained that the seeds were cooked and therefore useless! What it cost to make this discovery may never be known to the International Anti-Opium Bureau, but the delay seems to have "cooked" the goose of the consignment, because the seeds are stated to have reached their destination too late in the season for sowing—which seems to be perfectly true. It is not only in Hunan that officials are directly encouraging the cultivation of the poppy. In South Fukien, opium, it is said, is being cultivated probably to a greater extent than in any season before, and the officials are not only doing nothing to repress it, but are openly encouraging it, and even forcing it upon the people by offering to sell them opium seed, and by imposing so heavy a tax on crops that it can be met by no other crop than opium. Here, for example, is a paragraph in translation, from a proclamation issued by the Cultivation Tax Office at Yung Chun: "On the arrival of troops at Yungchun, the people were much perturbed. Many became homeless, merchants stopped business, and farmers agriculture. This has caused much loss and financial difficulty. It is proposed to recover profits to meet the urgent needs of the present time, and this depends upon a cultivation which is profitable. But it is feared that foolish country-people will not do as proposed. Therefore, the gentry, village heads and elders are expected to endeavour to show the way by which all the people may be guided. They should strive to cultivate so that cultivation may increase daily, leaving no fields uncultivated."

By way of supplement to the proclamation technical instructions are published as to how to cultivate the poppy and to gather the juice. What is happening in Fokien and Hunan is but illustrative of what is going on in several other provinces. These things show that however greatly the Government at Peking may desire to fulfil the pledges given by China to Great Britain and other Powers for the suppression of opium, the writ of the Government at Peking does not, at the present time, run in the southern and western provinces with the same force and effect as it did in the days of the monarchy. Until a strong Central Government is able to restore order throughout China we can hardly hope for the complete suppression of a traffic so lucrative as opium. The encouragement it has just given to the International Anti-Opium Society is proof that the Government at Peking is not indifferent to the recrudescence of opium-growing. This Society is doing useful work in collecting information, and giving publicity to flagrant violations of the Chinese law prohibiting the traffic in opium, and the Chinese Government will be giving the highest proof of its intentions when it acts upon the information obtained and visits with condign punishment the high officials who have either encouraged or connived at these flagrant violations of the law of the land.

Wiseman's Tea Dance takes place to-day.

A public wireless telephone for communication with ships in port will be in operation at Kobe next month.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop D. Pozzoni left on Saturday for a visit to the New Territories and expects to be away for about ten days.

A mission will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers in the Catholic Cathedral from Sunday, February 29th, till Sunday, March 7th.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 31st, amounted to 28,436 tons and the sales to 77,108 tons.

The wireless station at Wuchang is now in operation for public messages and is in communication with Shanghai and Peking. A charge of 20 cents per word is being made.

The Japanese battleship *Mutsu* is to be launched at the Yokosuka dockyard in May. The *Mutsu*, a sister ship of the *Yagato*, will be one of the world's largest battleships.

We read in a northern paper: "Ten Chuan-shan telegraphs from Canton that the electric tramway concession for Canton City given to the British will be free from all customary scandals."

It is stated in Tientsin papers that the 18th Infantry who will be returning to India in April, will be replaced by the 2nd Battalion of the 55th (Coke's) Rifles, of the Indian Frontier Force.

Mr. Burlingham, Assistant Superintendent of Police, in charge of the New Territories, who left Hongkong early in the war on active service, has returned to the Colony and has assumed duties.

Messrs. Hughes & Hough are holding their usual auction of Race ponies outside the City Hall to-morrow (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. and request early entries. Among the ponies to be sold are "Sunspot," Brutus, Ludlow, Geordie Mac.

With a view to making a thorough study into the questions relating to the abolition of likin and other kindred issues, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance and the Kuowuyuan at Peking are to appoint delegates to constitute a joint Commission for this purpose.

Activity is reported in Hangchow, the *N. C. Daily News* says among certain groups of Bolshevistic tendencies, which is confined to Amoy intellectuals. A remarkable document is being privately circulated favouring the equality of men, caste destruction, free love and escape from family life. The avowed aim is to form an ideal society.

The Mint at Wuchang has been working double shifts recently. A large number of native concerns have petitioned the Wuchang authorities to allow the mint to turn out about a million and a half of silver dollars so as to supply a badly felt want of coinage before China New Year. This has been acceded to; hence the activity at the mint.

Amongst those who returned to the Colony yesterday on the *a.s. Empress of Russia* were:—Dr. J. T. C. Johnson, Principal Civil Medical Officer, Mr. G. Lind, Consul for Sweden, Mrs. F. M. Davis, of the firm of Davis & Co., Mr. J. E. Joseph, broker, Mr. Denman Fuller, Mr. J. M. da Rocha, of the firm of that name, and Col. T. A. Robertson.

The *Asahi Tokyo* reports that negotiations have been concluded for an increase of capital of the South Manchurian Railway from ¥200,000,000 to ¥500,000,000. The increase of capital, and the remainder, ¥100 million, will be raised by public subscriptions.

ARMED ROBBERIES IN YAU MATI.

THREE MEN ARRESTED.

An armed robbery is reported to have taken place on a cargo boat in Yau mati Bay early on Sunday morning. Six men, armed with daggers, raided the boat and stole a quantity of money and jewelry. The Police were fortunate in effecting the capture of three of the men.

ROBBERS RAID A MILLER'S SHOP. On Sunday night five robbers, two armed with revolvers and another with a knife, entered a miller's shop at Yau mati and after forcing the occupants into a room they bound and gagged them. The men then ransacked the premises remaining for about twenty-five minutes, during which they stole property to the value of \$184. They secured the door of the kitchen, in which the occupants were imprisoned, and then decamped with the booty.

THE SAINT'S STENOGRAPHER.

In one of the great sacred pictures which are being exhibited at the moment at the Petit Palais in Paris, the artist, Carlo van Loo, takes as his subject St. Augustine preaching before Bishop Belair. There is a number of interesting figures listening to the saint, but the most interesting, perhaps, to the modern journalist is the stenographer, who is seated, taking a note, at the foot of the pulpit. In his left hand he holds an ink bottle, and in his right a short quill, while his notebook is on his knees. Behind him is a young man watching curiously the recording of the shorthand signs. Shorthand, of course, was known to the Greeks and the Romans. Among others Zeno and Cicero made use of it.

CABLES.

[LATEST CABLES.]

SUPREME COUNCIL.
TURKISH TREATY TERMS.

LONDON, February 14th.
The Supreme Council discussed the Adriatic question, and the Turkish Treaty terms of which, it is understood, have been substantially settled.
The Dutch Government receives the reply regarding the ex-Kaiser and war criminals to-morrow.
FRANCE LEAVES STAMBOUL TO TURKS.

LONDON, February 11th.
M. Millerand, in the course of a statement in the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber, said that as regards the Turkish question two solutions were under consideration. First, depriving the Turks of Constantinople, and second, leaving the city to the Turks with certain international guarantees. France favoured the latter course.

[EARLIER CABLES.]

KAISER WILL NOT BE TRIED.
THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S LATEST ACTION.

LONDON, February 13th.
The Supreme Council, meeting at Downing Street, considered the reply to the Dutch Note of January 23rd. It is understood that the reply will not repeat the demand for the surrender of the ex-Kaiser, but will point out the undesirability of retaining him in Holland both in the interests of Holland and the peace of Europe.

GERMANY REFUSES TO SURRENDER CRIMINALS.

The Council also considered the German informal reply regarding war criminals. It is understood that Germany declined to surrender the latter, but offered to try them before a German tribunal.
It is expected that the Council's final answer will be drafted this afternoon, and immediately telegraphed to Germany.

NOTES FINALLY SETTLED.
It is announced that the Supreme Council's Notes as regards the ex-Kaiser and the other war criminals have been finally settled, and are now being forwarded to the Dutch and German Governments respectively.
The contents will not be published until the replies have been received.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL.

SAAR BASIN ORGANISATION SETTLED.

LONDON, February 13th.
The Council of the League of Nations, at its second day's proceedings at St. James' Palace, settled the organisation of the Saar Basin and rejected the request of four German communes for the inclusion in the Saar region of the ground that the Treaty does not empower the Council to make changes of delimitation.

MR. BALFOUR'S OPTIMISM.

The second public meeting of the League of Nations Council opened to-day. Mr. Balfour, in a brief speech, declared that after the experience of the last few days, he looked forward to the future of the Council with the utmost confidence. The Council with the utmost confidence. The Council with the utmost confidence. The Council with the utmost confidence.

COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

M. Bourgeois submitted a report regarding the Court of International Justice. It was resolved to refer the question to a Commission of legal experts. The matter will again be discussed at the next meeting.

It was also resolved to refer the question of permanent organisation and all matters relating to transit, waterways, ports, and railways to the existing French Commission.

It was also decided to leave the permanent organisation of health affairs to the existing British Commission.

SWITZERLAND ADMITTED AS ORIGINAL MEMBER.

The Council decided to admit Switzerland as an original member of the League, while permitting Switzerland to retain her neutrality in view of her special position.

TO REMEDY THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.

It was further resolved to convene an international conference to study the means of remedying the financial crisis.

NEXT MEETING IN ROME.

The League of Nations Council has concluded its present session. The next meeting will be held in Rome about the middle of March.

[LATEST CABLES.]

BOLSHEVISTS CROSS THE SEA OF AZOV.

BUT DRIVEN BACK IN THE CRIMEA.

LONDON, February 11th.
The War Office reports that the South Russian situation on February 8th was that the Red advance towards the Dnieper was continuing. The Bolshevists, in the Crimean sector where they had penetrated the defences of the Whites for some distance were driven back to their starting point. Renewed Bolshevist attempts to cross the Manich and the Don were repulsed with heavy loss, but a large force crossed the Sea of Azov, from Taganrog and gained a footing on the southern coast. In the West Caspian sector the Denikinists were pressing back the Bolshevists.

RACE RIOT IN KENTUCKY.
MOB ATTACKS COURT HOUSE TO CAPTURE NEGRO.

LEXINGTON (Kentucky), Feb. 10th.
A mob attempted to storm the court house in order to lynch a negro sentenced to electrocution for atrociously murdering a ten-year-old white schoolgirl. Troops fired on the mob, killing 2 men and 5 women and wounding several.
The mob is now looting hardware shops in order to obtain more firearms and is determined to capture the negro for whose protection the Governor has called out 400 troops.

RAILWAY TROUBLE IN THE STATES.

PERMANENT WAY MEN DECLARE FOR STRIKE.

DETROIT, February 9th.
In consequence of advice from Washington indicating no hopes of a favourable outcome of the negotiations with the Director-General of Railroads the Railway Brotherhood announced that the Permanent Way employees have decided to call a strike on February 17th and 300,000 men are involved.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE
25 KILLED; 30 INJURED.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 9th.
Twenty-five persons were killed and thirty injured in a fire at a hotel here. The fate of others is uncertain.
Practically the entire fire forces of the city were fighting the flames. It is reported that many bodies have been pinned under the wreckage. The work of rescue is greatly hampered by an explosion which blew out the walls in two storeys of the building.

IMPROVISED FIRE ESCAPE.

LATER.
All the guests in the hotel, excepting a woman, escaped by jumping into nets and sliding down an improvised fire escape.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADVICE TO DEMOCRATS.

WASHINGTON, February 9th.
President Wilson, in a letter to a member of the House of Representatives Military Committee expressing the view that it is inadvisable for the Democrats to oppose universal military training, says that the disturbed state of the world does not permit the Americans lightly to decide the question, and, therefore, he recommends that the party decision be deferred until the forthcoming National Convention.

LABOUR CAMPAIGN IN THE STATES.

FARMERS REFUSE TO JOIN IT.

WASHINGTON, February 9th.
The farmers' organisation with a membership of 700,000 refuses to join the American Federation of Labour's political campaign. It is contended that the farmers' interests are not identical with those of labourers, and, as an illustration, it is pointed out that when Congress fixed the price of wheat the Unions urged it to be at a low figure.

SILVER QUEEN DISASTER.

PILOT'S APPLICATION TO AIR MINISTRY.

LONDON, February 11th.
The pilot Vanryneveld has already applied to the Air Ministry for permission to purchase a machine in Cairo in order to fit in the Silver Queen's undamaged engines and resume the journey to the Cape as soon as possible.
It is surmised that the disaster occurred while the pilots were engaged in the most difficult operation of changing places according to pre-arrangement.
The Silver Queen had left for Khartum at 11.15 p.m. from Cairo on February 11th in fine weather.

THE AMERICA CUP

SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S CHALLENGE.

LONDON, February 11th.
The New York Yacht Club has accepted Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge with Shamrock IV for the America Cup.
The first race takes place on July 15th off Sandyhook as usual.

[EARLIER CABLES.]

BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

NATIONAL DEBT HAS REACHED ITS MAXIMUM.

LONDON, February 13th.
In the House of Commons, during the debate on the Address, Sir Arthur Steel Maitland moved an amendment regretting that the Government's expenditure was so high causing a depreciation of national credit and an increase in the cost of living.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying, contended that the high prices were due to world causes, for example the world's sugar production was short. No sugar was coming from Russia, Germany and Austria, while the United States wanted immensely more sugar to compensate for alcohol. He believed that the national debt had reached its maximum, and that henceforward the movement would be downwards. The most essential would be the funding of a floating debt. He expected that the financial year would end more favourably than anticipated. The revenue was coming in well, and the prospects were good. He emphasised that while there was every reason for care, there was absolutely no reason for panic.

Sir Arthur Steel Maitland's amendment was rejected by 188 votes to 44, and the Address was unanimously adopted.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE KIAOCHOW QUESTION—EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION.

PEKING, February 15th.
An extraordinary situation is developing in regard to the question of whether China should accept Japan's invitation to negotiate concerning the retrocession of Kiaochow.

The pro-Japanese militarists are getting behind the Government and discussing terms with unofficial Japanese.
Lu Tseng-shiang has declined to assume the duties of Foreign Minister and has removed from his official residence, while Chen Lu, the vice-minister, has discreetly and secretly left Peking for Tientsin and declines to return, although the President has sent a special representative to dissuade him from retiring.

This creates an interesting situation. No one is anxious to assume the office and undertake the responsibility of incur the obloquy of directly negotiating with Japan relative to Shantung.
The situation is further complicated because the loan of five millions from America, Great Britain, France and Japan is being negotiated through the Waichiaopu and the transaction cannot be completed in the absence of responsible officials.

Conservation prevails at Peking, as there is no money in sight to enable the Government to meet the New Year obligations.
[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHINA MAIL"]

CHINESE ARTISANS' STRIKE AT SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, February 14th.
All the Chinese skilled artisans at the docks and at the leading engineering firms have come out on strike, and are demanding a cent per cent. increase in wages.

The situation is serious. The men refuse to lessen their demands.
It is believed that outside agitators have instigated the strike. Work at the docks is at standstill.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE NICKEL COINAGE REPORT.

LONDON, February 10th.
The Mond Nickel Company deny the statement made by the National News regarding the nickel coin. It is given to the company by the Government, in view of the introduction of nickel coinage.

THE LOAN TO CHINA.

NEW YORK, February 10th.
A representative of Pierpont Morgan & Co. departs on February 12th for China representing the American group of the Chinese Consortium which consists of groups of British, American, French and Japanese bankers. He goes first to Japan where he will see members of the Japanese group concerning reservations to which, it is understood, they desire to make regarding certain portions of China in which Japan claims particular interests.

NO CHINESE FOR BRITISH SHIPS.

LONDON, February 9th.
A mass meeting of seamen at Cardiff unanimously passed a resolution in support of their Union action to abolish Chinese crews on British ships.
Captain Tupper said the Seamen's Union was determined to put an end to the manning of British ships with Chinese to the detriment of Britons. There were good shipowners who realised their responsibilities to the men. The Union was going to call "Stop" to unfair shipowners, and allow the other shipowners to have the trade.

IMPERIAL STATISTICAL CONGRESS.

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, February 13th.
The Home Secretary presided at a Government dinner to the delegates who attended the British Empire Statistical Congress. The company included the High Commissioners of New Zealand and South Africa.

The Chairman dwelt on the necessity for the establishment of a central bureau of statistical information which would be a clearing-house for the Empire. The Government would warmly welcome such a movement. The Conference had done a great work. He was satisfied that an international bureau under the League of Nations would daily arrive.

THE CABINET'S IGNORANCE.

Presiding at a Government luncheon to the delegates who attended the Imperial Statistical Conference, Sir Auckland Geddes declared that the Government regarded the Conference as most important, because the Cabinet at present had to make decisions affecting the destiny of every part of the Empire while it was in almost complete ignorance of the real position in the Empire. The Government wanted to see the Empire on a satisfactory basis, enabling it to supply information at present lacking.

ST PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

THE BISHOP'S DREAM.

The annual distribution of prizes to the students of St. Paul's Girls' School, was held yesterday afternoon, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. The Bishop of Victoria presided, and amongst the large gathering were Mrs. Gurner, Miss Gurner, Mrs. Lander, the Rev. A. D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, the Rev. C. B. Shann, and Mr. Y. P. Law.
Proceedings commenced with a concert, organised and given by the pupils, which was greatly appreciated. The performers acquitted themselves in a manner which reflected the greatest credit on their teachers.

THE REPORT.

Miss K. Woo, the Principal, read the annual report of the school, which was as follows:—
We are to-day not only giving an account of our work for the past year, but are also celebrating the first graduation of our Chung Hoi Class. Just as it is one of the happiest moments of a mother to see her first-born babe, so it is one of the most gratifying events of a school to celebrate the first graduation of its highest class.

This school came into existence in February, 1915, with Miss K. Stewart as Principal for eighteen months. Miss Stewart, with boundless patience and courageous spirit, bore the responsibilities of the new school almost single-handed, and did much solid spadework, thus rendering the task of her successor less difficult. To Mr. Lam Woo, one of its founders, the school is indebted for one of its fundamental objects—the object of giving Chinese girls a sound vernacular education. Realising the folly of making Chinese boys and girls pursue studies in a foreign language at the expense of their own, Mr. Lam Woo started the school with the aim and object of giving a Chinese girl an equal vernacular training, and at the same time providing her with opportunities of learning to converse and correspond in English with facility.

The school started with a Staff of six, and a roll of 50 pupils. We have now grown to a Staff of 20, and a total on the roll for the past year of 157. We are thankful to find that four of the original 50 are in the Graduation Class.

The work of all the classes, has been good, particularly in the Higher Primary. One of the signs of improvement in the steady working of the girls through the year is that they did not stay away from examinations as many had done in previous years. Marked progress has been made in two Chinese subjects—Writing and Composition; and in the English language, especially Reading and Oral Composition.

The little success that we have attained is due to the untiring efforts of the Staff whose devoted service cannot be too highly praised. With deep appreciation of their co-operation and conscientious work I wish to extend my thanks to them. We are glad to have secured the services of Mr. Yuen who is an experienced teacher, and is proving an excellent asset in the school. We are sorry to be losing two good assistant teachers, Miss Kwong Yik Kwai and Miss Li King Yung, both of whom leave us in order to pursue further studies, the former in America and the latter in Canton. Their places will be taken by Miss Lo Chui Wa and Miss Wong Po Kwai.

Similar to that of all Christian Schools the fundamental object of our school's existence is character-building. This finds expression in the organisation of the Y.M.C.A. in the school; and in joining the Ministering Children's League. The girls have also formed a club called the "Kun Tak Wai" (Association of practice of thrift and simplicity). We are happy to record a few of the encouraging results of the activities of these three branches of the school. The Y.M.C.A. members organised 14 Bible classes which meet regularly once a week with the average attendance of 60 pupils. The result of these classes is that 19 girls will be baptised, while 30 others are also desirous of embracing the Christian faith, if they could obtain the consent of their parents. We have had 13 baptisms in the past year. A Sunday School in Tai Hang Village is managed by some of the members of the Staff and senior pupils of the school.

As regards the Ministering Children's League, the girls have manifested in a remarkable way, the willingness of service. The amounts of money collected, increased as they have been from year to year, show how hard they have worked: \$300 in the first year, \$1,000 the second year, \$1,100 the third year, besides contributions to the bazaar for the Church extension, Yunnan Missionary Movement and other charitable institutions.

A Summer School for teaching poor girls was instituted in August and was conducted entirely by the senior students during the Summer Vacation: 80 girls attended.

Before closing this report, I should like to express my appreciation of the invaluable assistance I have received from the Graduation Class which has been, without exaggeration, the mainstay of the school. I feel it a real privilege and joy to have my responsibilities so effectively shared by the girls. They have shown perseverance, ability and willingness in carrying out my projects, be they great or small. One of the marked characteristics of the class is a wonderful spirit of unity.

I should like to thank Wei Kam Sang, Miss Chan and Yung Sin Hing for looking after the school stationery during these past years; and Wei Kam Man and Leong San King for shouldering the responsibilities of the Ministering Children's League work. It will be a great loss to the school when they leave, but I am in hopes that several of them will stay on, and make the school a greater success. Nevertheless, I fully believe that no matter where their lot will be cast they will

ever keep in view the ideals of their school, which are based on 1, Corinthians XIII, namely Faith, Hope and Charity. (Applause.)

Mrs. Gurner next called upon Mrs. Gurner to distribute the prizes, stating that the latter had always evinced a kindly interest in the school.

Mrs. Gurner, who was greeted with applause, addressed the girls and thanked them for the privilege accorded her of presenting the prizes. It was a very great pleasure for her to come that afternoon, more so as that would be the last occasion on which she would be able to perform that pleasant task. She was going back to England for good, and she hoped that the school would continue to progress and earn successes as it had done in the past. She would remember them always, and she hoped that the girls of to-day would grow up, under the care of Miss Woo, to be good women and to carry on the work Miss Woo had begun. When she got back to England and visited any school there she would tell the pupils of the good work the girls in China were doing in the school and how they were keeping up the traditions of school-life. (Applause.)

Mrs. Gurner next distributed the prizes.
Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Chinese Schools, next addressed the students in Chinese on the real value of graduation. The Chairman then said that there only remained for him to bring the proceedings to a close by expressing their hearty thanks to Mrs. Gurner for distributing the prizes and to the kind friends who had given the prizes. They were very much appreciated by the scholars who earned them. He also thanked the donors of the school for the splendid progress the school was making. He was sure it must be very gratifying to Miss Stewart, who he was glad to see, was present to know how much the school had grown. He was glad to hear from the report that efforts were being made to inculcate the principle of thrift and simplicity in the lives of those who attended the school, and also to notice that they take so much interest in movements like the Young Helpers' League. They were learning to be unselfish. Like Mrs. Gurner, he was sorry that he, too, would not be present at the next prize-giving. He thought he had had the honour of presiding at five. He had been dreaming a dream and in his dream a very great and wealthy prince had come to him and had asked him to accept a handsome donation for educational purposes in Hongkong. His dream would be equally well fulfilled if ten persons went to him and gave him a donation of \$100,000 each to build a new St. Paul's Girls' College, before completing the scheme for a boys' College, for St. Stephen's Girls' College, for the Diocesan Boys' School and for institutions which needed to be set upon their feet. They could do with a million dollars now. It could come to them for the benefit of the present generation, for China and indeed for the whole world. He hoped that before very long, if possible at the next prize-giving, they would have a beautiful school, with a hall like that of the Y.M.C.A. where they would be able to assemble on similar occasions. He wished to see the school continue to prosper. He congratulated all concerned and hoped that the parents of the scholars would do all in their power to assist in setting that building. There was a magnificent future for the school (applause).

Chairs were called for Mrs. Gurner, the Bishop and Miss Woo and were lustily given.
Mrs. Gurner was also presented with a bouquet.

THE RED EAST.

BOLSHEVISTS' MUSSULMAN TRAIN.

Englishmen returning from Russia are all agreed that the eyes of the Bolshevists are now turned towards the East, and that they hope to pursue a ruthless campaign which has for its main object the destruction of British Dominion in India. The following intercepted wireless message sent by the Bolshevist Government is one sign among many of the marked activity that is being shown in this direction:—

To the National Bureau, Tashkent. This is to inform you that during the first half of December of this year a propaganda train for organisation and instructive purposes will be despatched to Turkistan. The train will be called the "Krasny Vostok" (the Red East). The train will be supplied with literature in Mussulman and Russian type, a wireless installation, a bureau for complaints, a cinematograph and lectures. In order that the Mussulman part of the train may be well supplied, it is necessary that there should be party comrades who would take part in propaganda work, who are well acquainted with the local dialects and the style of living of the population of Turkistan. There are no comrades of this kind here. We earnestly request that you will immediately send three of your best comrades to Moscow, guaranteeing that they will arrive here by December 30th. This is the desire of the Central Committee of the Party. Inform us of the departure. The Turkistan Delegation has already been made use of for the train.

Needless to say, the Germans are taking an active part in this propaganda, as our Berlin Correspondent shows (see the Morning Post). The statements of the Bolshevist plans in Turkistan have been widely reproduced in the German Press.

In Turkistan Karum Beg, who was connected, it will be noted, with the German Mission to Afghanistan in 1915, has organised a branch of the Mohammedan Communist Society at Ashkabad. While nominally this society aims at the regeneration of Islam, its real object is the destruction of British power in the East. Further, their activities in Afghanistan are well-known, and their operations on the Orenburg front have opened up a route to Turkistan.

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AMERICAN AVIATOR IN HONGKONG.

NOT ALLOWED TO FLY OVER COLONY'S DEFENCES.

There arrived in the Colony on Sunday on the s.s. *Africa Maru*, from Manila, an American aviator, Mr. Robert Johnson.

On the steamer's deck was carried a seaplane of the type known as the "Curtiss Seagull," which Mr. Johnson was under contract, on behalf of the Curtiss Co., to deliver at Macao, for use on the Hongkong-Macao run, in connection with a service proposed to be organised by the Macao Aerial Transport Company, now in process of formation. Whether the machine is the private property of Mr. C. E. W. Ricon, who is organising the Company, or is the first of nine seaplanes to be used by the Company on the runs from Macao to Hongkong and to Canton, is not quite certain as Mr. Johnson was very reticent.

When the *Africa Maru* came into port on Sunday, Mr. Johnson was not met by Mr. Ricon, as had been arranged, and he was faced with the problem of making a quick landing of the plane, as the *Africa Maru* was due to go into dry dock. Mr. E. K. O. Farrell, of the Godown Company, who was a Lieutenant in the British Air Force during the war, however, very kindly helped. He obtained permission from the Naval authorities for the mooring of the plane inside the breakwater of the Naval Yard at Kowloon. This part of the business being transacted, the rest was easy. The plane was floated on the water and moved under its own power to the naval wharf.

Mr. Johnson spent the best part of yesterday in making preparations for his flight to Macao, and was on the look out for good weather conditions. He was unable to say anything definite about the aerial service between Hongkong and Macao, except to express the obvious opinion that the organisation of the service meant the expenditure of a considerable amount of money. We understand, however, that nine more Curtiss machines are on their way from America for the Company, and it is very likely that the service will be in operation about the middle of this year. Mr. Ricon, who is himself an experienced aviator, having put in a lot of service with the French Aerial Force.

When finally Mr. Johnson commenced his flight to Macao, taking with him Mr. Ricon as a passenger, at about 3.30 p.m., he was seen off by a few persons who happened to be about. The machine was towed out into the harbour from the wharf and then started off on its flight, rising gracefully from the sea, and going straight over West Point. He had hoped to reach Macao in anything between 20 and 35 minutes.

Mr. Johnson had made preparations to give an exhibition flight over Hongkong, before setting out for Macao, but he was refused permission by the Government to fly over the Colony. It was probably thought that no flying should be allowed over the defences of the island until now, and that the rules have been passed in accordance with the terms of the International Air Convention. Mr. Johnson, who stated that he had no camera and had no intention of taking any photographs, was somewhat disappointed that he was unable to show Hongkong people the capabilities of his machine.

In Manila, from which Mr. Johnson had come, the residents are witnessing aviation stunts daily. There are over 30 machines flying daily, and members of the Volunteer Guard are receiving instructions from members of the Curtiss Co. Trips to the interior are a daily occurrence, and Mr. Johnson spoke in high terms of the commercial possibilities of the aeroplane and seaplane in the Philippine Islands.

MISS MARIE WALCAMP IN HONGKONG.

PRODUCING A GREAT PICTURE.

There arrived in the Colony yesterday, by the s.s. *Empress of Russia*, a company of cinematograph artists of the Universal Film Co. who are travelling round the world in connection with the production of a wonderful picture entitled "The Petals of Lao-tze," which bids fair to be something very novel in the way of pictures. The Company left America on September 18th last, and spent a month in Japan, where they were fortunate in securing many unique beautiful locations. They took pictures in Yokohama, Tokio, Kyoto, Miyazaki, Kobe, and Nagasaki. From Japan the Company went to Hankow, Peking, Kalgan and Urga, getting in a large amount of work in the large natural caves in and around the last named town. From Urga they travelled to Peking and thence to Shanghai and Manila, where a number of beautiful pictures, introducing some novel scenic effects, were obtained in the interior.

Miss Marie Walcamp, who is well known in the Far East, is the "star" of the Company. Her work in the big pictures "Liberty" and "The Lion's Claw," both of which have been exhibited in Hongkong, show what a splendid actress and athlete she is.

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ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

A Chinese accountant of a rice firm was charged yesterday, with embezzling \$350, belonging to his master.

It appears that defendant was given the money to pay a bill, but instead of doing so, he converted it to his own use. His defence was that the proprietor owed the money to his father, who was dead, and as he was hard up, he used the money to pay his creditors.

Mr. Smith remanded the case.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

A Japanese was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Defendant was brought to the station on Sunday morning as he refused to pay his ricksha-coolie. At the station the matter was settled and he was sent away. About a quarter of an hour later he was arrested again, this time for disorderly behaviour. He admitted the offence and apologised to the Magistrate. He was fined \$5.

EXCEEDING HIS DUTY.

An Indian soldier was charged with assaulting an Indian watchman.

Sergeant Floyd stated that defendant and two other soldiers, who had been making merry, were proceeding along Kennedy Town when complainant told them that they were drunk and had better get back to their barracks. This the defendant resented and assaulted the watchman. In the Sergeant's opinion the watchman had no right to make such remarks. He had exceeded his duty and witness said that his sympathies were with the defendant.

Mr. Smith remanded defendant in Police custody in order to enable military escort to take him back to the barracks.

PICK-POCKET AT THE RACES.

A Chinese was charged with picking the pockets of Capt. Thirlwell and stealing \$30.

A district watchman stated that on the 1st day of the races, he was on duty at the D.A.J.A. stand when he noticed defendant put his arm round Captain Thirlwell and extract a purse. The captain was unaware of the theft. As soon as defendant made off witness arrested him.

Defendant said that he had never been to the races before. He went there to purchase fish. He had about \$30 with him and, in trying his luck, he had lost \$4. He found the wallet on the ground.

The watchman said that when he arrested the defendant the latter told him that the European would not discover the loss and promised to give him money to drink tea.

Mr. Wood sentenced defendant to three months' hard labour.

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DAGGER.

A Chinese was charged with unlawful possession of a dagger.

A constable met the man on Aberdeen Road and asked him where he was going. Defendant started to run and was arrested. On his person was found the dagger. Sergeant Davis said that defendant had a previous conviction against him and was a time-expired banished.

Mr. Wood remanded the case as defendant wished to produce witnesses as to his character.

CANTON NEWS.

CANTON, February 15th.

THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN HOLIDAY.

February 15th, being the eighth anniversary of the union of the North and the South after the abdication of the Manchus in China, was observed as a general holiday; most of the yamens were decorated. The day was also the birthday of the American President Lincoln, and the American Consul-General was entertained by the members of the Chinese American Association in the evening. Many Chinese and American residents were also present.

MILITARY TROUBLES ON THE NORTHERN BORDER.

In regard to the military situation on the Northern border, it is stated that the Yunnanese troops there owing to the change of the leader of the 3rd Division of that army threaten to mutiny, and have already refused to obey the orders of their Commander Li Kan-yuen who has had to adopt repressive measures. Another message states that Tong Kai-yew, the Yunnan Tsuchun, has relieved Li Kan-yuen of the command, and appointed Li Lieh-kwan in his place.

NATIONAL PRESS CONVENTION.

The National Press Convention with representatives from newspapers all over China, will be held on May 5th, in Canton. A committee has been elected to make arrangements for the meeting.

SAN PUI LOTTERY.

A merchant has applied to the authorities for the monopoly to operate the San Pui lottery for a term of 3 years and is willing to pay \$2,600,000 per annum for the concession. He also offers to pay an additional sum of \$800,000 to the authorities to pay for military and other expenses.

THE HUNAN TUCHUN.

It is reported that the military leaders in Southern Hunan, owing to the alleged misconduct of Chang King-yew—the Hunan Tsuchun—have telegraphed to the Peking Government stating that unless Chang is removed from the province they will themselves do so forcibly. It is reported that Chang's son, who holds an important appointment in Hunan, is also implicated in charges of maladministration, and the Foreign Consuls in Changsha have protested against it to the Tsuchun. Representatives of the Southern leaders have recently come to Canton to ask the Military Government and the authorities to despatch a military expedition against Chang. The Hunanese in Canton have also requested the Peking Government to remove Chang from office.

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ARRIVALS.

February 15th.
Cornelia, Chinese str., 315 tons, Capt. Guereiro, from Hoihow, with a general cargo.—Kwang Yue.
Shunshing, Chinese str., 297 tons, Capt. Place, from Kwong Chow Wan and Macao, with a general cargo.—Po On.

February 16th.
Wing-tung, Chinese str., 264 tons, Capt. Cordova, from Kwong Chow Wan, with a general cargo.—Fat Hing.

February 16th.
At Pat Lai, Chinese str., 184 tons, Capt. Lum Ngan, from Hoihow, with a general cargo.—Chiat On.
Empress of Russia, British str., 16,180 tons, Capt. Robinson, from Vancouver, B.C., with a general cargo.—C.P.O.S.

Haiman, British str., 641 tons, Captain Page, from Hoihow, with a general cargo.—Po Shan.
Kuangshing, Chinese str., 1,356 tons, Capt. Stewart, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—C.M.S.N. Co.

Loon, British str., 1,093 tons, Capt. Simpson, from Manila, with a general cargo.—J. M. & Co.

Lushan, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. Morse, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Matagosa, British str., 3,420 tons, Capt. Anderson, from Manila, with a general cargo.—Bank Line.

Nagoya, British str., 4,219 tons, Capt. Norman, from Yokohama and Shanghai, with a general cargo.—P. & O.

Sankai Maru, Japanese str., 1,513 tons, Capt. Nakaya, from Muku, with a cargo of coal.—M.B.K.

Simfopole, Russian str., 1,493 tons, Capt. Steinberg, from Karatsu, with a cargo of coal.—Russian Volunteer Fleet.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. Barkus, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Tai Sze, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Maker, from Hoihow, with a general cargo.—Yau Fat.

CLEARANCES.

February 14th.
Amakusa Maru, for Keelung.
Arinaka Maru, for Takao.
Bangkok, for Calcutta.
Chenan, for Shanghai.
Chungking, for Haiphong.
Chuen On, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Euplectra, for Tarakan.
Footee, for Tsingtao.
Hongkong, for Singapore.
Huiping, for Shanghai.
Huiping, for Singapore.
Kan Chow, for Bangkok.
Kweichow, for Tientsin.
Kwong Sang, for Canton.
Nagoya, for Haiphong.
Pearl Shell, for Balikpapan.
Shansi, for Tientsin.
Suen Maru, for Foochow.
War Seppu, for Nagasaki.
Yuet Shing, for Swatow.

February 15th.
Unnan Maru, for Singapore.

February 16th.
Cheng Shing, for Canton.
Chuan, for Bangkok.
Dilwara, for Bombay.
Glenalloch, for Amoy.
Kwai Wah, for Tourane.
Kwangchi, or Shanghai.
Kwangshing, for Canton.
Nagoya, for London.
Protetianus, for Seattle.
Shunshing, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Sinkiang, for Canton.
Sui Yik, for Shanghai.
Wing Hang, for Kwong Chow Wan.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Iyo Maru* (European line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on February 15th, and is expected here on February 24th.

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WEATHER REPORT.

February 16th at 12.34.—No returns from Vladivostok, Japan or the Marianas.
 Pressure has increased slightly at all reporting stations.
 The anti-cyclone has strengthened slightly.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 2.07 inches, against an average of 2.35 inches.

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Empress of Japan	May 28	June 16	
Empress of Asia	June 8	June 27	
Monteagle	June 28	July 16	
Empress of Russia	July 1	July 19	
Empress of Japan	July 20	Aug. 10	
Empress of Asia	July 29	Aug. 16	
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	"ARMAND BEHIC" 10,000	On or about 28th Apr.
	"CORDILLERE" 10,000	On or about 28th Apr.

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